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Spring Bride



MRS. PETER A. MAJEWSKI, JR.

Miss Maryann Mathias, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mathias of 71 Federal Ave., Agawam, and Peter A. Majewski, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Majewski, Sr., of 19 Elm St., Hatfield, Mass., were married last Saturday. The Rev. Walter J. Joyce, pastor, officiated at the 10 o'clock ceremony in St. John the Evangelist Church.

The bride wore a formal gown of white silk organza over peau de soie alencon lace, with crystals and seed pearls, fashioned with a cameo neckline, long tapered sleeves, empire waistline and a full circular chapel train edged with alencon lace. Her head piece was of cabochon of peau, jewels and pearls arranged to a Cathedral length veil of imported English illusion.

Maid of honor, Miss Cynthia Mathias, sister of the bride, wore a floor length gown of mint green silk chiffon, rolleau lace collar, long full sleeves and an A-line skirt.

The bridesmaids, Misses Sally Majewski, sister of the groom, Sandra Gallerani, cousin of the bride, Carol Bartolucci and Nancy Smith, were similarly attired in jonquil yellow and completed their ensembles with matching chiffon and tulle head pieces.

John Majewski, served his brother as best man. Guests were ushered by James and Edward Sklarshi, cousins of the groom, Joseph Kabot and Richard Petruskus.

Mrs. Majewski, a graduate of Agawam High School and Mansfield Beauty Academy is a Wig and Hairpiece Stylist for Forbes & Wallace, Springfield. Mr. Majewski, a graduate of Smith Vocational Trade High School, Northampton, and is an automotive parts buyer for Munson Auto Supply, Northampton.

Following a reception at the American Legion Hall, Liberty St., Springfield, the couple left for a wedding trip to Elbow Beach Surf Club, Bermuda. They will reside after May 5th at 57 Clough St., Springfield.

Chalkliners Plan Children's Theatre

Plans for presenting popular classics for childrens' audiences are being formulated by the Chalkliners. Production would be held at the Country Barn Playhouse on Saturdays during the summer holidays.

Personnel is being sought for acting and assisting in productions. Young people of high school and college age, as well as other adults, may request further information by calling in Agawam, Mrs. Charles Deliso, Mrs. Dino Piccin or Mrs. James Sgorbati.

Experience in little theater is not a requirement as weekly workshops will be conducted in basic theater techniques.

Memorial Day Parade Committee Elect Officers

The Agawam Memorial Day Committee met at the American Legion Home on Springfield St., Agawam, last Tuesday night and the following officers were elected:

Chairman — Lionel Rolland, DAV; Co-Chairman—Louis Rossi, AL; Corresponding Secretary, Walter Trabold, WWI; Recording Secretary, John McCarthy, DAV; Publicity, Roland Reed, VFW.

Assingments of details were made and reported on at the meeting last night at the Legion Home.

Watch Your Signature The Real You Is Showing

"He Knows By Your Handwriting" will be the title of a lecture and demonstration given by Mr. David Skolnick, a well-known handwriting analyst in this area, at the Danahy Parent Teachers Association annual banquet and installation which will be held on Wednesday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Skolnick has been a practicing handwriting analyst for several years. His many friends have had the pleasure of having their handwriting analyzed by him. He states that handwriting is not a matter of hands at all

... it actually reflects the mind. No matter how hard a person tries nor how much he practices, he cannot change his writing nor his basic thinking.

This year the annual meeting and installation will take place at Squires Restaurant where an excellent smorgasbord is planned.

An interesting evening is assured for those who plan to attend. Call anyone on your banquet committee for reservations.

Democratic Women's Club To Hold Election Meeting May 6th

The Agawam Democratic Women's Club will hold their election meeting at the Capt. Charles Leonard House Tuesday, May 6, at 8 p.m.

This group will host key Democratic women from the surrounding towns and cities for a general political discussion.

The guest speakers for the evening will be Register of Deeds Mr. John Pierce Lynch, State Democrat Committeewomen Mrs. Russell Campbell from Chicopee, and Mrs. Donald Dowd from West Springfield, with a question and answer period to follow.

Included in the agenda will be the election of officers and Board of Directors for the coming year.

Chairman for the month Mrs. Marcel Bedard will be assisted by the Mrs. Mary Dubis, Mrs. John Shea, Mrs. Adele Gallano, Mrs. Bernard Battles, Mrs. Rita Dematos, Mrs. Nick Donatini, Mrs. Mary Drew and Mrs. Jessie Boyer.

Refreshments will be served. Any interested person will be welcome.

Twins Mothers Club Meet May 5

The Hampden County Mothers of Twins Club will hold their regular meeting on Monday, May 5, at the Dante Club, Memorial Ave., West Springfield, Mass. at 8 p.m.

There will be a short business meeting presided over by the Club President, Mrs. Gerard Morneau, of Springfield. The program for the evening will be presented by Mr. Tom Burke of the Gallo Wine Co. Mr. Burke will give a talk and film on Wines, and a wine tasting party will follow. Appropriate refreshments will be served.

Anyone wishing to join the Club may contact Mrs. Robert Hawley of South Hadley, Membership Chairman.

Worden Residence



Located at 41 Elm St., Agawam, the Worden home was originally built by Stephen Bodurtha in 1812 on land granted to his grandfather, Jonathan Bodurtha, by the King of England, circa 1740. The original house was situated just east of the present Fire Station 8 and faced Main St.

The front door of the Worden home also faces Main St. and it has a central entrance hall flanked by two large rooms in back of which was a large kitchen and two small bedrooms.

In 1859 an addition was built consisting of a new kitchen, pantry and a shed that served as a "washing room" during the warm weather. In 1911 the present ell was built and the old one torn down. Of special interest is the lovely, large fireplace with its "powder cupboard" and beehive bake oven.

Mrs. Worden has furnished the interior of the house with many antiques some of which are family pieces. The visitor will take pleasure in Mrs. Worden's grandfather's desk from Eliot, Maine. This particular piece is believed to have belonged to her great-grandfather. Also, is a chair belonging to Mr. Worden's grandmother and a 250 year old gate leg table.

High School Honor Roll

At the recent Agawam High School assembly the student honor roll was announced by Principal Raymond Harris.

FRESHMEN

Thomas Acquaro, Stephen Adamski, Mary Ann Alessandri, Maureen Amaral, Twyla Andros, Judith Arnold, Margaret Avezzi, Carole Babyok, Linda Bailey, Marjorie Baker, Bruce Benson, Frances Biggio, Kenneth Blackwood, Edmund Bouley, Ann Carey, Barbara Cariani, Daniel Caroleo, Anne Caron, James Cebrelli, Ann Cesan, Ellen Chyba, John Collins, Susan Colson, Donna Corbin, Dale Cote, Diana Cross, Gary Cwikla, Alfred Davis, John Davies, Donna DeCosmo, Paul DiDonato, Kathy Dow, Diana Edmunds, Cynthia Ekstedt, Douglas Favreau, Elaine Frank, Denise Gagnier, Robert Gagnon, Susan Ghedi, Janice Goss, Frank Grabinski, Deborah Grassa, Nina Graziano, Patricia Greany, Laurine Greguoli, Sandra Haidemenos, Elizabeth Harrington, Paul Heppner, Martha Heyl, Susan Heywood, Linda Howe, Kathryn Jones, Evelyn Karakla, Ann Kazantis, Donna Keefe, Betty Kirk, Joanne Leger, Daryl Mallory, Mark Magistri, Susan Metzger, Nancy Meucci, Michael Moreau, Claire Niemiec, Elizabeth Nunn, Beverly Orr, Nancy Palazzi, John Pavelcsyk, Sheryl Pickett, Dianna Ploof, Susan Plourde, Jerald Pomerantz, Karen Porter, Michael Ramah, Joann Raynor, Edward Rivers, Cheryl Rising, Ann Ryan, Jeanne Scherpa, Peter Shibley, Diane Simmons, Scott Skolnick, Deborah Snyder, Mitchell Soffen, Pauline Sognowich, Lori Stefanik, Barbara Swiderski, Shelley Titcomb, Vincent Trimboli, Edward Tyburski, Antonia Veronesi, Kathleen Viens, Karala Vining, Marilyn West, Candace Williams, June Wood, Laura Wylie and Lee Zanotti.

SOPHOMORES

Shawna Barnard, Susan Affleck, Theresa Alfano, Denise Ashton, Donna Baruffaldi, Jane Bitgood, Matthew Bonk, Elaine (Please Turn To Page 3)

Golden Age Club Card Party May 14

The Agawam Golden Age Club is sponsoring a May Basket card party to be held Wednesday, May 14th, at 2 o'clock in the Agawam Congregational Church following the meeting at 1:30.

Also there are a few tickets left for the trip to Haddam Point on May 20th. Make your reservations now as they close at this meeting.

**SPRING
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May 5 thru May 16
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PICK-UP DAY**

CHURCH NEWS

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

459 Mill Street, Agawam
 Rev. Kenneth Thornton, Minister
 Mrs. Kenneth Alexander, Organist
 Miss Donna Ashton, Organist
 Mrs. Marshall Keyes,
 Sanctuary Choir Director
 Mrs. Kenneth Alexander,
 Junior/Youth Choir Director

Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Work meeting for Country Fun Fair.
 Sunday: 9:30 p.m. Church at Worship. . . Rev. Emerson W. Smith, Executive Director, Greater Springfield Council of Churches guest minister. . . Nursery for infants. Church School in session until 10:45 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour; 3:30 p.m. Western District Conference at First Methodist Church, Westfield. As many members of the church as possible should attend; 6 p.m. Youth Group.

Monday: 7:30 p.m. Women's Society meets at church.

Tuesday: 6:10 p.m. Youth Choir practice; 6:45 p.m. Junior Choir practice; 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir practice.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, Pastor
 Mrs. Ruth Daniels, Organist
 Mrs. Nancy Lund, Choir Director
 Mrs. Barbara Briggs,
 Church Secretary

Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Senior choir rehearsal at Church.
 Saturday: 5 to 7 p.m. Public May Smorgasbord in Bodurtha Hall. Tickets are \$2 for adults and 99c for children under 12. . . A delicious menu has been

planned and you are invited to come and bring the family. . . Reservations are not necessary.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Morning worship. Rev. Lockhart will preach sermon at morning worship service. . . Senior Choir will sing and Communion served. . . The Right Hand of Fellowship will be extended to the new members of the church; 10:30 a.m. Church School for all ages; 6 p.m. Junior High BYF and Senior BYF meet at church.

Monday: 8 p.m. The Amicitia Circle meet at home of Mrs. Alexander Buiniskas, Raymond Circle. Mrs. David Theodorowicz will be co-hostess.

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. Melody choir rehearse at church; 6:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Club annual banquet at the Second Baptist Church, Suffield.

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. The Church will have their annual meeting starting with a covered dish supper in Bodurtha Hall. . . Business meeting will start at 7:45 p.m.; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Trading Post open.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Floyd C. Bryan, Minister
 Mrs. A. G. Toussaint,
 Minister of Music

Friday — 7 p.m. Boy Scout meeting; 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary choir rehearsal.

Saturday—8:45 a.m., Intermediate choir rehearsal; 9:30 a.m. Junior choir rehearsal.

Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Church school—7th thru 12th grades; 10 a.m., Church at morning Worship—Rev. Bryan preaching; 10 a.m., Church School—nursery thru 6th grades.

Monday: 7:30 p.m. Church committee night.

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m., Senior choir rehearsal.

FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21 North Westfield St.
 Rev. Arthur N. Sweeney,
 Minister

Randall L. Nofalt, Organist
 Cynthia A. Meyer, Choir Director

Thursday: 6:30 p.m. Cherub Choir rehearsal in Griswold Hall. The choir is rehearsing for Mothers' Day, May 11th.

Sunday: 10 a.m. Church School for nursery through 6th grade; 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion—a guest soloist will be present; 11 a.m. Senior Choir rehearsal; 2:30 p.m. The Spring meeting of the Hampden Association Churches begins today and runs through the dinner hour.

Senior Citizens Center Entertains



The Agawam Senior Citizens Center acted as hosts to the Shelburne Falls, Buckland "Social Senior Club" which transported a full bus of guests to the Agawam Center to join in the weekly card party and social activities.

Pictured above left to right are: Mrs. Gertrude Grout, Agawam; Mrs. Helen Wells, director of Shelburne Falls Social Senior Club; Mrs. Bessie Ship-

pee, Shelburne Falls; Mrs. Edith Larsen, Agawam Council on Aging, chairman; Mr. Edward Soden and Mrs. Helen Baines, both of Agawam.

Last June the Agawam group journeyed by bus to Shelburne Falls to participate in the Senior Citizens day during their Bicentennial celebration.

A total of 80 persons were in attendance at the Friday afternoon affair at the Agawam Senior Center.

and 5:30 p.m.
 Week days—7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Holy days—7 and 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays—7:30 p.m. St. Anthony Devotions.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

Rev. Walter J. Joyce
 Rev. Albert Blanchard

Saturday — Confessions 4 to 5:45 and 7:30 to 9 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 10:30, 11:45 a.m.

Tuesday—5:30 p.m., Mass followed by Miraculous Medal Novena.

ST. THERESA OF INFANT JESUS CHURCH

Rev. Paul Bernard
 MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass—7 a.m.

Saturday—8 a.m. Mass — 4:30 and 7:30 Confessions.

Sunday — 7, 9 and 11 a.m. Mass.

VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

152 South Westfield St.
 Feeding Hills

"THE CHURCH ON THE HILL"
 Rev. Frank E. Dunn, Minister

Mrs. Hazel Prior, Choir Director
 Mrs. John MacPherson, Organist

Mrs. Richard Orr,
 Church Secretary

Sunday: Morning worship with Holy Communion. Sermon: "The Pharisees investigate a Healing." Sunday School classes in Dunn Community Hall. Preparation for

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Children's Day Exercises, 6 p.m. The Hilltoppers.

Monday: 8 p.m. Meeting of the Friendly Circle, The Men's Club.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Upper Church and Second Sts.
 West Springfield, Mass.
 Larry Thornton, Pastor

Sunday—9:45 a.m. Bible School for all ages; 11 a.m. Morning worship service. Supervised nursery service available upstairs in the church during both Bible School and morning service; 7 p.m. Evening Service.

Wednesday — 7:30 p.m. Mid-week prayer meeting and Bible study.

(Bible Baptist Church is in fellowship with the General Assn. of Regular Baptist Churches and the American and International Councils of Christian Churches.)



Mario Sakellis,
 Executive Director

CAMP LITTLE STREAM COUNSELOR SELECTED

Miss Carolee DeVito has been selected to run Camp Little Stream, the pre-school camp operated by the Agawam YMCA. For the past two summers she has worked as the assistant counselor to the Camp Little Stream Counselor.

Miss DeVito will be graduated from West Springfield High School in June and has already been accepted at the University of Connecticut, School of Pharmacy. She is a member of the band, Student Faculty, Student Patrol, National Honor Society, and Pro-Merito at the high school.

Nominated for various awards and scholarships she is presently in competition for the state DAR scholarship. She was past president of the West Springfield YMCA Tri-Hi-Y club and has held other posts of responsibility in the high school and community.

Registrations in Camp Little Stream are presently being accepted. Call the local "Y" for more information.

TENNIS CLASSES

Tennis classes for boys and girls in grade school will start Saturday May 3d, 10 a.m., at the "Y" grounds, 108 Perry Lane. These classes are open to both members and non-members of the "Y." A small fee will be charged.

The "Y" will provide the tennis balls and boys and girls should bring their own rackets. Rudy Altobelli will be the instructor of these classes which will go for 5-7 weeks. To register call the Agawam YMCA.

FUNERAL NOTICE

MRS. AMELIA S. MEYER

The funeral of Mrs. Amelia S. Meyer of 317 Circle Drive, and formerly of Feeding Hills, was held April 23, from the Curran-Jones Funeral Home. The Rev. Robert W. Holcomb officiated. Burial was in Thompsonville Cemetery, with Mr. Holcomb conducting the service of committal.

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JUNIORS

Susan Atwater, David Adams, Joanne Berkowicz, Beth Bottaro, Barbara Caramazza, Steven Cir-illo, Barry Cleary, Jean Cressot-ti, Peter Desaulnier, Marlene Di-Donato, Gail Donais, William Ed-wards, Kathleen Foley, James Foster, Glenn Gould, Elizabeth Grasso, Joe Graziano, John Grup-pioni, Darcy Hamar, Linda Haynes, Linda Hersey, Judith Kana, Madeline Karakla, Kath-leen Keefe, Stephen Kida, Wayne Lareviere, Sandra Magnani, Kathy McEwan, Kathleen Mey-er, Joseph Morris, Linda Racicot, Ronald Richard, Cathrine Shaer, Richard Skowera, Susan Smith, Diana Subotin, Paula Tatro, John Toelken, Donna Willett, Susan Young.

SENIORS

Suzanne Ainey, Donna Allen, Christine Ares, Andrew Arnold, Donna Ashton, George Bickford, Brian Blackburn, Rita Boisson-ault, Ann Borgatti, Joyce Bovat, Susan Brown, Eileen Burns, Rob-ert Campbell, Richard Cimma, Michael Connolly, David Costa, Joanne Coupas, Linda Cyran, Jo-Ann Della Giustina, Robert Do-nais, Michael Fazio, Eileen Fol-ey, Teresa Foley, Barbara Fre-nette, Diane DiDonato, Susan Egbert, Ann Marie Graziano, Jill Gregory, Corleen Guilmette, Car-ol Heyl, Karen Kimball, Freder-ick Kulas, Donald Lederer, Pacl Martin, Henry Meade, Steven Meister, Bonnie Millar, Lucille Moccio, Daniel Moraski, Victoria Munsell, Bruce Nunn, Charles Parker, Patrice Peterson, Mary Pietroniro, Steven Pond, Kristine Raschi, Sherry Sausville, Michael Scafuri, Linda St. Peter, Victoria Shibley, Beth Stansfield, Linda Strole, Robert Therien, Janet Thompson, Adam Tomaszewski, James Valenti, Robert Waniew-ski, Cheryl Wilson, Joan Wierz-bowski.

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"Anne Sullivan Macy, The Story Behind Helen Keller"

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By RICHARD JOHN CURRY
6 South West St., Feeding Hills, Mass.

The year 1930 saw the first of several trips to Europe for Annie and Helen. For some time Annie had hoped to learn more of her parents. It was for this reason she had returned to Feeding Hills be-fore going to Ireland, but old memories only depressed her and the matter ended.

At home and abroad the two women were bestowed with honors. Always Helen was to stand the taller of the two in the eyes of the public. That the student should reap the glory of the harvest over the teacher was of little concern to Annie. Annie Sullivan Macy truly was a teacher who found strength in the youth of the world but mostly in her first concern, Helen Keller. If "Teacher" held her stu-dent in such esteem certainly Helen was to be forever grateful to Annie who had given her the light of knowledge and the power of self confidence.

With a final and fitting tribute to "Teacher", the story of Annie Sullivan Macy goes to a quiet conclusion in the year 1934 at their home in Forest Hills, Long Island, New York:

"Teacher, and yet again
Teacher—and that was all
It will be my answer
In the dark
When Death calls."
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WANTED GRADUATION PHOTOS

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U.S. Wants a Look At Swiss Accounts

WASHINGTON—The United States has renewed efforts to work out an agreement with Switzerland that would give U. S. crime fighters a chance to look at the super-secret Swiss bank accounts of American gangsters. The State Department said three days of preliminary talks

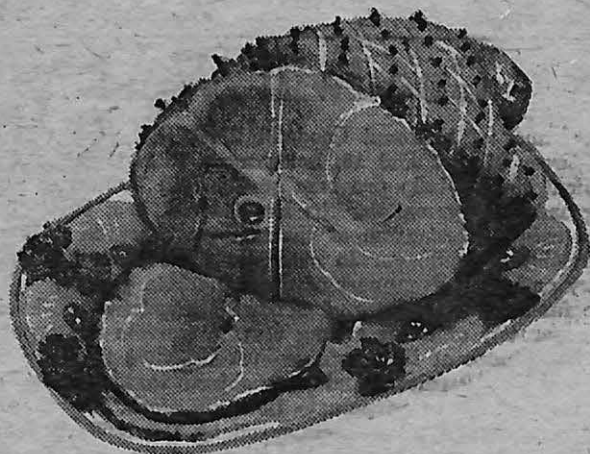
this week were another step in informal discussions begun last year when former Assistant At-torney General Fred M. Vinson Jr. met in Bern with Swiss of-ficials.

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Goodwill Week

Observance of National Goodwill Week this year, which takes place between May 4 and 10, holds more than usual significance. The nationwide self-help program of Goodwill Industries providing training and employment for the handicapped is a particularly fitting and unique illustration of the manner in which it is possible for a worthwhile endeavor to stand on its own feet through the voluntary actions and support of the American people.

The far-flung operations of Goodwill Industries are kept going by the generosity of those among us who provide the organization with the substance of its existence—used clothes to be mended, as well as used toys, furniture and other objects that, with repair, may be sold for revenue to perpetuate Goodwill work. The repairing is done by handicapped persons employed by Goodwill. Beyond that, Goodwill Industries provide rehabilitation training and placement of handicapped persons in different industries that may have niches for them.

Over the years, countless thousands of handicapped have found new hope, jobs and economic independence through this outstanding organization. Goodwill Industries has demonstrated the capacity of the U. S. system to combine generosity with good business principles. At this time, as answers are being sought for a wide range of social problems, this holds a special significance for the entire nation.

May Senior Center Program

770 MAIN ST., AGAWAM

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Thursday—May 1 at 1 to 4 p.m., Knitting; Friday—2nd at 1 to 4 p.m., Card Party.

Week May 5

Monday—1 to 4 p.m., Movies; Tuesday 1 to 4 p.m., Ceramics; Wednesday 10 a.m., to 4 p.m., Pool, Cards, etc.; Thursday 1 to 4 p.m., Knitting; Friday 1 to 4 p.m., Card Party.

Week May 12

Monday—1 to 4 p.m., Painting; Tuesday—1 to 4 p.m., Ceramics; Wednesday 10 a.m., to 4 p.m., Pool, Cards, etc.; Thursday 1 to 4 p.m., Knitting; Friday—1 to 4 p.m., Card Party.

Week May 19

Monday—1 to 4 p.m., Movies; Tuesday—1 to 4 p.m., Ceramics; Wednesday—10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Pool, Cards, etc.; Thursday—Hobby Fair and Sale...Baked Bean Supper at Junior High School;

Friday—1 to 4 p.m., Card Party.

Week May 26

Monday—1 to 4 p.m., Painting; Tuesday—1 to 4 p.m., Ceramics; Wednesday—10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Pool, Cards, etc.; Thursday—1 to 4 p.m., Knitting; Friday—1 to 4 p.m., Card Party.

Hours of Operation: Monday thru Friday—10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Areas of Interest: Should you be interested in some area not listed please let us know.

Books - Magazines - Newspapers - Playing Cards - Television - Pool Table and soon to be added horseshoes and shuffleboard.

No fees whatsoever are charged and attendance is at the person's convenience.

Health Consultation Service is available at the Center with the Town Nurse on the first Monday of the month at 9 a.m.

Any further information desired may be had by telephoning the Center at 732-8451.

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WANTED

Am interested in obtaining a copy of the 1955 Agawam Centennial book.

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May 5
through
May 9

SENIOR HIGH

Monday: Orange juice, ham salad on water roll, potato chips, buttered corn, peanut butter sandwich, chocolate cake w/butter icing, milk.

Tuesday: Orange juice, country style steak, brown gravy, mashed potato, buttered carrots, bread/butter, jello w/topping, milk.

Wednesday: Orange juice, hamburger on roll, mustard, relish, catsup, sliced onion, farmer's wife salad, pickle slices, peanut butter sandwich, hermit cookies, milk.

Thursday: Shake & bake chicken, mashed potato, buttered peas, cranberry sauce, bread/butter, orange tapioca w/topping, milk.

Friday: Orange juice, tuna salad sailboats, garden salad w/spinach greens & tomato, peanut butter sandwich, raspberry prune pie square, milk.

JUNIOR HIGH

Monday: Juice, sloppy Joe on bun, buttered carrots, fruit cup w/peanut butter cookie, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, grinders (sliced meat, cheese, lettuce, tomato), potato chips, apple sauce w/butter cookie, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, hamburger on bun, stewed tomatoes, peanut butter sandwich, carrot cake, milk.

Thursday: Baked veal cutlets w/creole sauce, mashed potatoes, buttered broccoli, bread/butter, jello w/topping, milk.

Friday: Juice, macaroni w/meat balls, tossed salad, bread/butter, banana cake, milk.

DANAHY

Monday: Juice, frankfurt on buttered roll, corn, applesauce cake, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, toasted ham/cheese sandwich, tossed salad, French fried potatoes, wacky cake, milk.

Wednesday: Macaroni w/meat tomato sauce, buttered green beans, cheese wedge, bread/butter, peaches, milk.

Thursday: Juice, meat ball grinders, carrots, fruit cup, cookie, milk.

Friday: Juice, tuna fish sandwich, peanut butter sandwich, cabbage carrot salad, cheese wedge, applesauce, milk.

GRANGER

Monday: Juice, meat ball grinders, buttered green beans, cheese finger, peaches, milk.

Tuesday: Browned meat in gravy, mashed potato, whole kernel corn, bread/butter, citrus jello w/whipped topping, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, baked beans and frankfurt rings, (catsup), cabbage carrot salad, bread/butter, pears, milk.

Thursday: Juice, hamburger on roll, relish, catsup, cheese cube, buttered carrots, onion rings, applesauce, milk.

Friday: Juice, tomato soup, 1/2 hardboiled egg, peanut butter marshmallow sandwich, cookies, fresh fruit, milk.

PEIRCE

Monday: Orange juice, hot chicken sandwich w/brown gravy, buttered kernel corn, cranberry sauce, bread/butter, pumpkin

pudding w/topping, milk.

Tuesday: Baked macaroni w/hamburger & tomatoes, buttered carrots, cheese or peanut butter sandwich, orange pineapple tidbits, milk.

Wednesday: Pork w/brown gravy, whipped potatoes, buttered leaf spinach, bread/butter, spicy prune cake w/butter icing, milk.

Thursday: Meat balls in tomato sauce, buttered rice, buttered green beans, cheese squares, orange fruited jello, milk.

Friday: Grilled cheese sandwich, stewed tomatoes, carrot sticks, peanut butter cookies, fruit cup, milk.

PHELPS

Monday: Orange juice, frankfurt in buttered roll, relish, mustard, catsup, whole kernel corn, apple crisp w/cheese wedge, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, bread/butter, ice cream, milk.

Wednesday: Sloppy Joe on buttered bun, green beans, potato chips, applesauce, milk.

Thursday: Juice, hamburger in roll, relish, onions, catsup, buttered carrots, fruited jello w/topping, milk.

Friday: Juice, grilled cheese sandwich, tossed green salad w/spinach greens, peanut butter cookie, orange wedges, milk.

ROBINSON PARK

Monday: Elbow macaroni w/meat tomato sauce, buttered green beans bread/butter, fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday: Citrus juice, grinder (meat, cheese, lettuce, tomato), potato chips, sliced pickles, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Brown meat in gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered broccoli, bread/butter, jelly donut, milk.

Thursday: Juice, hamburger on buttered roll (catsup), buttered carrots, white cake w/orange frosting, milk.

Friday: Orange juice, grilled cheese or peanut butter sandwich, green salad, potato chips, fruit, milk.

SOUTH

Monday: Orange juice, steamed franks on buttered roll, mustard, relish, cheese sticks, buttered carrots, fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday: Hot open chicken sandwich w/gravy, buttered peas, glazed sweet potatoes, peanut butter w/honey on rye bread, deep dish apple square, milk.

Wednesday: Baked shell macaroni w/meat spaghetti sauce, fruit slaw salad, buttered Vienna bread, raspberry jello w/topping, milk.

Thursday: Citrus juice, cold cut grinder (meat cheese, lettuce), buttered corn, butter cake w/banana topping, milk.

Friday: Baked beans, catsup, grilled cheese on rye bread, ABC salad, pineapple cream pudding w/topping, milk.

Widows' Pension Rights Extended

Many widows of veterans who are presently living in Massachusetts may now be eligible for Widows' Pensions which were denied earlier.

Commissioner Charles N. Collatos of the Massachusetts Veterans' Services Dept. said that an earlier Veterans' Administration ruling required widows to be married to their veteran husbands for five years prior to his death. The new ruling now in effect reduces the required period to only one year.

Under the new regulations, many widows who were denied pensions previously can now be declared eligible upon reapplication.

Commissioner Collatos has instructed the Veterans' Agents in every City and Town in Massachusetts to assist these widows in refiling their applications.

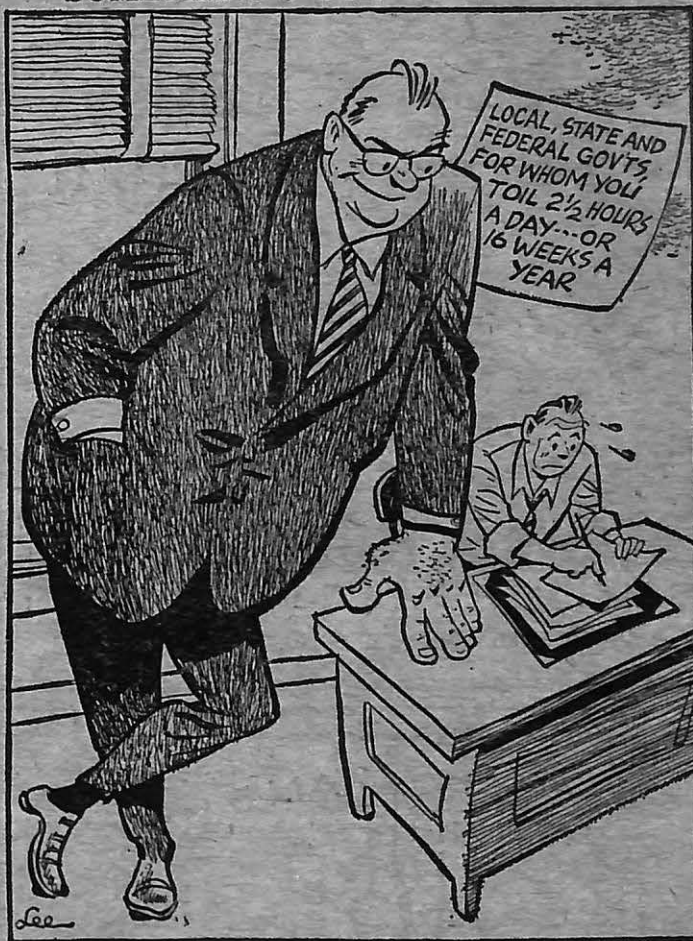
A first grader received a "D" on a paper which was definitely not up to her regular standard. She told her mother, with tears in her voice, "Mother, you might as well forget it."

"Forget what, dear?"

"Forget college. It's all off, for I'm not even going to make it through the first grade."

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SOMETHING'S GOT TO BE DONE!



Time For Taxpayers To Wake Up

Employed Americans will work two and a half hours every day in 1969 (a total of 650 hours) to pay their federal, state and local tax bills. The 10 percent surtax last year accounted for a big jump in federal taxes. Of course, state and local taxes are climbing, too. Federal corporate and individual income tax receipts are expected to reach \$122 billion in the twelve months beginning July 10.

In 1932, these receipts were slightly more than \$1 billion; by 1940 the figure had doubled. In 1950 federal income tax receipts reached \$26 billion, and were \$54 billion in 1959. In 1968 receipts had nearly quadrupled the 1950 level...with no relief in sight!

The average American's tax loads has increased drastically over the years. In 1902, all taxes—federal, state and local—came to \$18 per capita. In 1948, the figure was \$377 and by 1958, \$628. For 1969 the estimated tax bill, federal, state and local, will be \$1,230 for every man, woman and child in the United States, according to the Tax Foundation, Inc.

It's time to rediscover fiscal sanity — by insisting on reduction in non-essential public expenditures at every level — federal, state and local.

The only way this can be accomplished is for taxpayers to demand action and keep the pressure on until they receive satisfaction.

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COLLEGE NEWS

CLARKSON COLLEGE
POTSDAM, N. Y. — Harold Sperry Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold S. Wright, Sr., of 29 Wright St., Agawam, has been accepted as a member of the September Freshman Class at Clarkson College of Technology.

Clarkson has an enrollment of 2,191 undergraduates and a freshman class of approximately 700 is anticipated in September.

At Clarkson Wright will major in electrical engineering. He is a senior at Agawam High School.

WPI

Michael J. Fazio of 65 Meadow St., Agawam, has been accepted for the freshman class in September at Worcester Polytechnic Institute according to Dean of Admissions, Kenneth A. Nourse, associate dean of student affairs.

The Bell System in 1970 will complete connections for its fifth transatlantic underwater cable between Europe and the United States.

LEGAL NOTICES

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Marshall J. Thompson and Jean Marie Thompson to the Ware Savings Bank of Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, dated March 25, 1968 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 3325, Page 460, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present owner and holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11 o'clock A.M. on May 20, 1969 on the mortgaged premises located at 1804 Main Street, Agawam, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land with all the buildings and structures thereon situated in Agawam in the County of Hampden in said Commonwealth, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the westerly side of Main Street at the northeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Helman and running thence N. 75° 51' 30" W. along last named land, two hundred seventy-five (275) feet to a point; thence running S. 16° 31' 30" W. along last named land, seventy-five (75) feet to land now or formerly of the estate of Luther P. Davis; thence running N. 75° 51' 30" W. along last named land five hundred forty (540) feet to a point; thence running N. 1° 27' 06" E. along last named land one hundred eighty (180) feet to a point; thence running S. 79° 03' 20" E. along land of Court Equipment, Inc. two hundred seventeen and 69/100 (217.69) feet to a point; thence running S. 75° 51' 30" E. along land of Court Equipment, Inc. one hundred sixty-six and 32/100 (166.52) feet to a point; thence continuing along land of Court Equipment, Inc. S. 88° 03' 30" E. one hundred fifty-eight and 20/100 (158.20) feet to a point; thence continuing along land of Court Equipment, Inc. S. 75° 51' 30" E. three hundred twenty-six and 50/100 (326.50) feet to the westerly side of Main Street; thence running S. 16° 31' 30" W. along Main Street, one hundred fifty (150) feet to the point of beginning.

Being the premises conveyed to us by deed of Court Equipment, Inc. dated July 14, 1967 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 3277, Page 235.

Including as part of the realty all buildings of any description, also portable or sectional buildings at any time placed upon said premises and all heating apparatus, oil burners, fuel containers and conveyors and burners heaters, hot water heaters, pipes, plumbing and plumbing fixtures, gas and electric fixtures, screens, screen doors, storm doors and windows, shades, mantels, awnings, Venetian blinds, clothes poles and reels, weathervanes, radio and T.V. antennas, air conditioning apparatus, wall-to-wall carpeting, electric and gas refrigerators, electric and gas stoves, built-in appliances built-in audio systems, swimming pool apparatus and equipment, elevators and also all other fixtures of whatever kind and nature at present or hereafter placed or installed in or on the granted premises or any building standing thereon prior to the full payment and discharge of this mortgage in any manner which renders such articles usable in connection therewith, insofar as the same will or can by agreement of parties be made a part of the realty.

The premises will be sold subject to unpaid municipal taxes assessment or liens, and any outstanding tax titles.

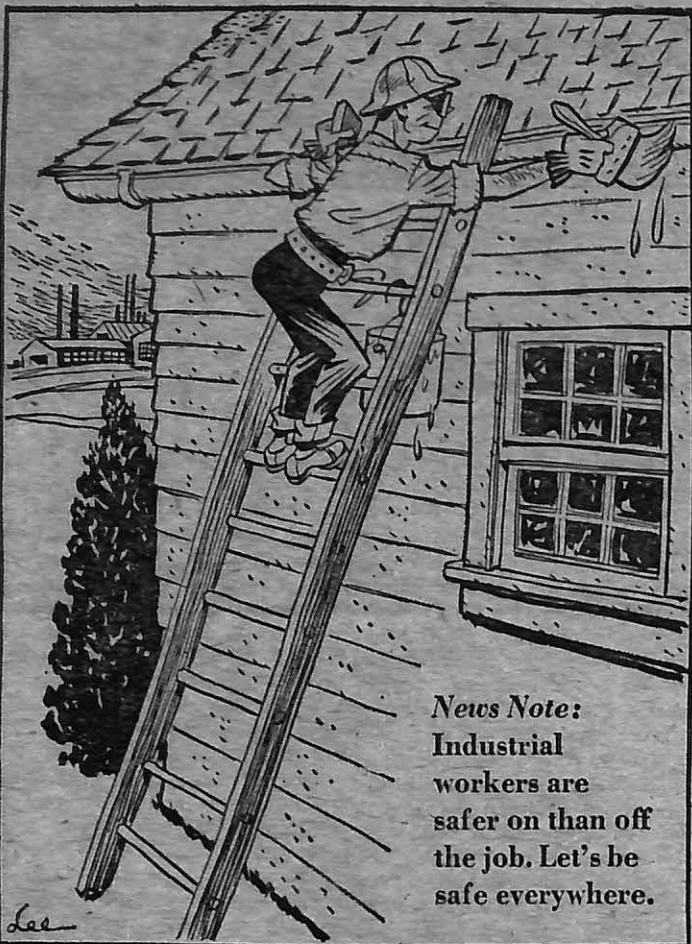
One Thousand Dollars will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of the sale as earnest money, balance in cash on delivery of the deed within ten (10) days from date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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(Apr. 24 May 1-5)

TAKE SAFETY HOME!



News Note:
Industrial workers are safer on than off the job. Let's be safe everywhere.

Care Enough To Be Careful

Question: What's the best way to do your spring cleaning?
Answer: Do it very carefully!

There is a message for all of us in one of industry's vital and continuing programs: Safety Off the Job.

Since World War II, accidents in industry have been reduced by half. That is a remarkable record which is the result of the emphasis which companies always give to safety at work. Now industry is also increasing its efforts to promote better safety habits outside the home. This is because, according to a pamphlet published by the National Association of Manufacturers, deaths and injuries to employees outside of working hours represented an economic loss of a startling \$8 billion in 1966, not to mention the grief and anguish involved. Traffic accounts for the largest percentage of non-work accidents. Falls, many of them around the home, are the second greatest cause.

Company programs boil down to two essentials: safe equipment and encouraging a positive attitude towards safety on the part of the workers. Safe Equipment and Positive Attitude—two points we all should remember.

LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT NEWS

By Mrs. Donald Catchepaugh

Saturday, May 3rd — County Military Ball to raise funds for a marching band for the Legion State Convention.

Monday, May 5th — Regular meeting of Wilson - Thompson Unit #185 at the Legion Home at

8 p.m. Plans will be made for Poppy Day.

Saturday, May 10th — Legion's "Night with Charlie Muskes" at Post 277.

Saturday, May 17th — Poppy Day at Riverside Park from 6 until 9 p.m. Legion and Auxiliary volunteers may contact Chairman Jane Whalen.

Saturday, May 24th — Public ham supper for the benefit of the Auxiliary Poppy program.

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HAMPDEN ss PROBATE COURT
To all persons interested in the estate of ZENON H. STELMAK otherwise ZENON HENRY STELMAK late of Agawam in said County of Hampden, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court for probate of a certain instrument purporting to be the last Will of said deceased by MARY STELMAK otherwise MARY ELIZABETH STELMAK of said Agawam, praying that she be appointed executrix thereof without giving a surety on her bond.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, in said County of Hampden, before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-third day of May 1969, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighteenth day of April 1969.
JOHN J. LYONS, Register.
(May 1-8-15)

LEGAL NOTICES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AGAWAM, MASS.

April 28, 1969
Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws, that Central Package Store, Inc., Beverly A. Coons, Mgr., is applying for a transfer of an All Alcoholic Beverage License as a Retail Package Goods Store from 50-52 River Street, Agawam, Mass. to Feeding Hills Package Store, Henry Joseph Arnold, Mgr., at 1340 Springfield Street, Agawam, Mass. in premises consisting of first floor and cellar for storage.

EDWARD W. CONNELLY
GEORGE L. REYNOLDS
JOSEPH DELLA-GIUSTINA
Licensing Board
(May 1)

Now We Understand

Some weeks ago in another newspaper, the Guest Columnist with the "Poison Pen" chose to misquote the figure \$252,000 as the amount of taxes unpaid for the year 1968 by owners of apartments. He said that, I used that figure on the Town Meeting floor to mislead the voters and to persuade them to oppose zone changes that would allow apartment construction.

What he doesn't understand is how to adjust his "hearing aid" properly and how to ascertain the facts before he uses the pen in his attempt to confuse those who were at the meeting and other taxpayers who would want to understand the truth about delinquent taxes.

If the most vital reason for building additional apartments is for tax revenue then, it should follow that your administration should investigate whether or not existing apartments do pay their taxes during the year in which they are assessed. If they do not, then other taxpayers, who do pay on time, must assume the liability. Under Chapter 60, Section 8, Selectmen do have the privilege of investigation with the tax collector. In the "Report of the Finance Committee for 1969" on page 8, you will find "uncollected taxes for 1968 in the amount of \$305,998, and in the "Annual Town Report" of 1968 on page 35, "Real Estate Taxes" outstanding to be \$251,533. The reason for the difference is that the

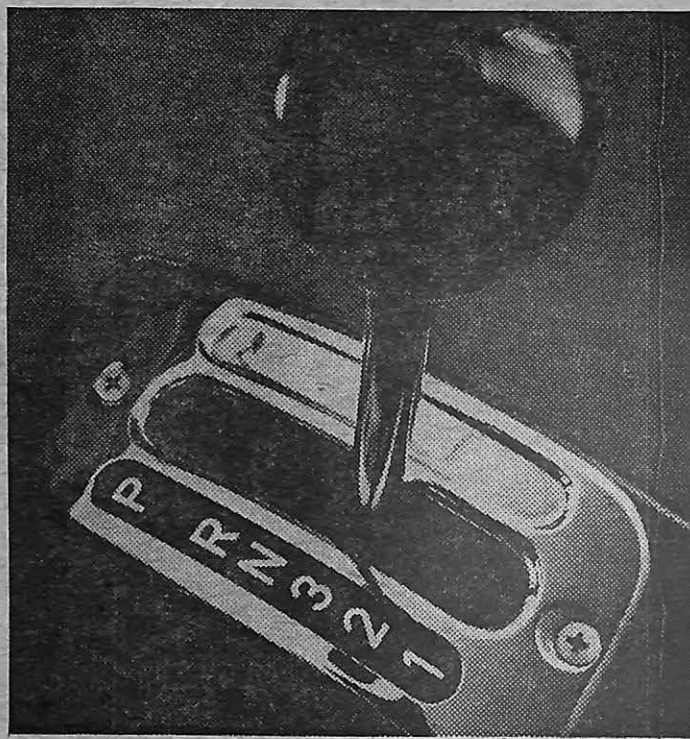
finance figures go to "press" before the annual report.

As a Selectman, I exercised my prerogative to ask the tax collector to give me in writing what part of the \$251,533 was attributed to apartment owners. The written reply was \$90,281. It was this letter from which I quoted and no other. Of course, newspaper correspondents at the meeting were not confused. It was too simple for confusion.

It is not necessary to discuss why these taxes were not paid. But it is important for our people to understand that if they are not paid by Dec. 31 of the taxable year, that amount which might have been forthcoming cannot be used to reduce our tax rate in the ensuing year and we must make up the difference. In the 1968-69 situation, this could mean \$2 to \$3 additional on our tax rate. Do you consider this an asset?

Furthermore, our tax collector reported a major problem also exists in the collection of vehicle excise taxes from apartment dwellers. These bills are continuously returned by apartment owners with the reply "That person doesn't live here now." When asked for a forwarding address the answer is "None." And yet proponents of apartments would advise "Additional Revenue From Excise Taxes." Is this another "Asset?"

George L. Reynolds
Selectman



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SPORTSMEN'S CORNER



By BILL CHIBA

The fishing in general has been just plain "lousy." This is a remark that has been thrown back at me many times over in the last week. Herm Mutti, trolling expert from Agawam, has put in many hours on various ponds in the area and is working very hard for the few fish he has creeled. The rain the past two weeks has wrecked havoc with the usually good fishing in the ponds, and streams. If the weather stays nice like the past weekend, things should pick up. Oh you hear of a few good fish caught here and there, but on the whole the fishing picture is very poor. Hatchery trucks have been hitting all the streams this past week and fishing this week-end should pick up considerably.

The West Springfield Fish and Game Club is holding their youngster day Sunday, May 4. All members children can participate in the jamboree. The pond is stocked for the event and refreshments will be available at no cost to the youngsters. Prizes will be awarded in many categories.

FISHING POOR . . . HOW ABOUT A BEAR HUNT?

Few areas of the world boast a higher population of the black bear than Ontario. In some regions they've become so numerous that dozens of the nuisance variety have had to be destroyed. Lands and forests personnel in some Provincial Parks have also had a problem with tourists who

feed and tease bears. One shocked conservation officer even spotted some nut trying to shove one into the front seat of his car to take home as a pet.

Last fall, a group of Agawam residents journeyed north to Kenora, Ontario, for bear and Moose with the bow and arrow. Mike Losito bagged his bear with the bow, and his brother, Felix knocked his off with a rifle. John Tangredi, ran into some tough luck. He knocked over a large sow the last day of the hunt. His guides were supposed to find the bear the next morning and ship the hide down to John. For some reason or other it never materialized and John must make another try at the wily beast.

Although the gang went up in the fall, the best season for the bears is in the Spring. A prime pelt is during the spring hunt when the animal's coat is thickest. May and June are top months when the sportsman can also enjoy the bonus of hot fishing for walleye, pike and trout.

Bears are usually hunted by baiting and watching, but using dogs for the chase is a sport enjoyed by many. Most of the province's 415,000 square miles is ideal bear country — from North Bay in a northerly direction to Cochrane and west to Kenora on the Ontario-Manitoba border. The fees are reasonable . . . \$10.50 for the non-resident.

Lodges and camps now catering to spring hunters are plentiful, and there are also countless camp sites for the budget-conscious and those who prefer to rough it.

Ontario's black bears weigh as much as 450 pounds and, with their formidable claws and shearing teeth, are an animal to be reckoned with.

Returns from last year's ninerods indicate more than half bagged one. Average results are often better than 40%, with some areas boasting success rates as high as 85%.

The Agawam Bowmen Club will meet for it's monthly meeting Monday night at th club house. Business meeting to start at 8 p.m.

DOG TRAINING COURSE

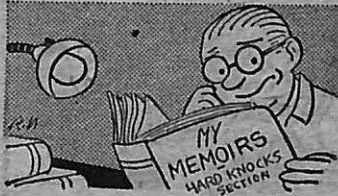
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AGAWAM LODGE

No. 1935



Much has been said about the many benefits a man receives by belonging to the Moose fraternity, but when you get right down to the facts, we wives and mothers also derive much happiness and peace of mind. A wife and mother has many things to consider when she plans for her family's future welfare, well-being, security and happiness. It is a heavy responsibility . . . one that is greatly complicated by the needs of modern living.

Some of the decisions that must be made are when you ask yourself? Will I have to depend on charity to support my children should they be left without a father? Will my husband and I face the future without worry and have comforts of a home where we will not be a burden on others? Do I have pleasant social activities that are shared by friends through good times and bad? Won't I be a better mother and wife by serving others in worthwhile community projects?

Membership for our husbands and for ourselves as co-workers in this great Order holds the answers to these questions. The Loyal Order of Moose with the cooperation from the women of the Moose, has established a splendid record of protection and service to members and their families. It is gratifying to recognize the facts that: Thousands of dependent children have been educated and prepared for a useful life at the incomparable "Child City"; a place in the sun for a qualified Moose member and his wife is provided in Moosehaven, Florida if necessary; services rendered by Moose members and their families have benefited many communities; and each and every one of us make new and lasting friends whose company we enjoy in pleasant surroundings.

What organization can offer more? How fortunate we are to be part of it. Ladies, join now and have your name on the charter list. Your husband's membership and yours will do much to answer your questions. Secty. of the Moose George Perry is accepting the signatures at the Moose Lodge on North St.

AROUND THE LODGE

A large group from Agawam lodge attended the Mohawk Legion #198 Class Initiation with the Mohawk Legion Ritual Staff on Sunday, April 27th, hosted by Westfield Lodge #1255. Guest speaker was Jerry Caporale and a roast beef dinner was served at 5:30 p.m. followed by a floor show and then dancing.

Gov.-elect Ernest Dumond, Sr., is quite seriously ill at the Springfield Hospital — Room #340, and although he cannot have visitors — cards would be nice. Ethel doesn't drive, so Brother Moose and wives — lets all show our friendship and drive her to see Ernie. Everyone must know how lengthy a wait can be for a bus.

Sam Smith has taken over the position as manager at the Moose Lodge.

New Weekend Address — Something growing this quick . . . must be good so . . . on Friday and Saturday evenings we'll be situated at St. Theresa's Hall on Bridge St. for the Month of May. Starting May 2, this will be the place to visit as there are plans for serving food and lots of fun. Come down and join your fellow members and swap yarns.

IMPORTANT — MOOSE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS SLATED FOR MAY 3rd IS POSTPONED UNTIL JUNE 14th. Watch here for further news and dates. See you next week?

At Your Service

EUGENE H. LUND

Director of Veterans Services



A veteran's widow entitled to G. I. home loan benefits is automatically eligible for the newly created widow's educational assistance from the Veterans Administration.

But the reverse is not necessarily true, the VA reminded today.

Only unmarried widows of World War II, Korean Conflict and Post-Korean veterans who died as the result of military service are entitled to VA home loan guaranties.

However, unmarried widows of veterans who served at any time since the Spanish-American War and who died as the result of military service are eligible for VA educational assistance up to a maximum of 36 months.

In addition, the wives of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled because of service are also eligible for the educational benefits, which amount

to as much as \$130 a month for full-time training.

Eligible widows of World War II veterans have only until July 25, 1970, to use their G. I. home loan entitlement. The entitlement of eligible Korean Conflict widows expires Jan. 31, 1975, with eligible Post-Korean widows having 20 years from their husband's death in service, 20 years from the veteran's discharge, or March 3, 1976, whichever is later, to use their entitlement.

Widows and wives, eligible for educational assistance, have until Nov. 30, 1976, or eight years after their husbands' deaths or VA finding of permanent and total disability, whichever is later, to complete their education or training.

The Veterans Administration — which handles some six million policies — urges veterans or their dependents who write the VA concerning G.I. insurance to include the policy number on all correspondence to assure an early reply.

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If a veteran is unable to provide the number that will identify his policy, then he is advised to include his C number — the claim number which is assigned to each veteran who has filed for any VA benefit.

The identifying insurance policy number or C number will allow VA to take action on the request without delay.

The veteran who cannot include either number should report this fact when communicating with the VA and include his military serial number, date and place of birth, along with his full name.

Letters with inadequate information have to be returned.

All correspondence concerning insurance should be sent to the VA insurance office to which the veteran sends his premium payments — Philadelphia or St. Paul.

Requests concerning other veterans benefits, including those relating to the new G.I. Bill (which covers veterans with service after Jan. 31, 1955), should be sent to the nearest VA office which is listed in the white pages of telephone directories.

News Of Servicemen

E3/C ROBERT DAIGNEAU
ABOARD USS YORKTOWN

USS YORKTOWN at Sea (FHTNC) — Interior Communications Electrician Third Class Robert E. Daigneau, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl D. Daigneau and husband of the former Miss Elva M. Norman, all of 325 Springfield St., Agawam, is serving aboard the anti-submarine warfare aircraft carrier USS Yorktown in the Caribbean.

His ship, enroute to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, will participate in Caribbean exercises, a refresher training.

GENTILE PROMOTED

VIETNAM (FHTNC) — Utilitiesman Third Class Joseph J. Gentile, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Gentile of 346 Springfield St., was advanced to his present rate while serving with Mobile Construction Battalion 12 in Vietnam.

His advancement was based on time in service and rate, military appearance, performance of duties and his score on the Navy-wide test for promotion.

Construction Battalion 12 is a reserve seabee unit from the New England area recalled to active duty to help provide construction support for U. S. and allied forces in Vietnam.

The unit will be released from active duty later this month.

AIRMAN WHITMAN
TECH SCHOOL GRAD

WICHITA FALLS, Tex. — Airman Richard A. Whitman, formerly of 107 Fairview St., Agawam, has been graduated from a U. S. Air Force technical school at Sheppard AFB, Tex.

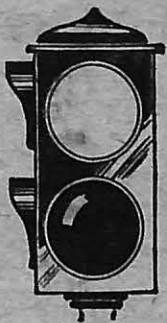
The airman, who was trained as a medical services specialist, will remain at Sheppard for further training.

He is a graduate of Agawam High School and received his degree in biology in 1968 from St. Anselm's College, Manchester, N. H.

Airman Whitman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Whitman Jr.

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PROMENADERS

SQUARE DANCE



Peg and Bob Shoemaker

Nominations and elections of officers, the annual steak roast, the square dance and the final dances of the season are among items of interest at this time for all members of the Agawam Promenaders.

After a quiet April of only one dance because of the school spring vacation, two dances will be held in May and the steak roast will be held on June 14 at the Sacred Heart Church pavillion.

Bill Como of South Hadley Falls, one of the youngest and most delightful of the area's square dance callers will be the guest of the Promenaders for the dance of June 9, at 8 p.m., at Robinson Park School. Square dancers from other clubs are invited to attend and banners will be given to any club with two squares of dancers present.

The Executive Board of the Club was hosted on Sunday by Howard and Doris Greene of 18 Scenic Drive, Wilbraham, at their home. The Nominating Committee appointed consists of: Lindy and Dick Davis, chairmen; John and Marge Ferrero, Fred and Anna Montagna and Althea and Dede Cowles.

Doug and Adele Cochrane, program chairmen, reported on the recent Coordinators meeting. The Coordinators consists of the presidents of each of the square dance clubs in Western Massachusetts, and its purpose is to coordinate the activities of the clubs. The group sponsored a spring dance, April 28, at Mountain Park.

It was also revealed that the national square dance convention is being planned for the city of Springfield in 1971. It is anticipated that it will be held at the proposed new civic center.

A special committee had been appointed to investigate what could be done to accommodate the schedules of current and oldtime square dancers and to promote interest among newer residents of the community. Bob and Mary Adams made a list of suggestions. Among them was a proposed questionnaires to go to current and former members asking what they like and don't like about square dancing and requesting suggestions for improvements. The ideas of classes and workshops were discussed that would make it easier for former square dancers to get back in the activity in the easiest way possible.

For steak roast and outdoor square dance to be held in June it was decided to ask Al Bes-

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Annual Melha Shrine Circus Opens At E. S. Coliseum, May 15

When the 15th annual Melha Shrine Circus opens at the Eastern States Coliseum, West Springfield, on May 15th, for a limited engagement one of the feature attractions will be the original George Hanneford Family.

Known as the "Royal Family of the Riding Ring," the Hanneford Family is certainly deserving of such a title. This name was bestowed upon the troupe as a result of many Command Per-

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Besides their almost continuous performances in circuses, fairs, pageants and exhibitions, they have been seen in several motion pictures, including the beautiful spectacular "Jumbo".

They may be seen when the Shrine Circus is at the Eastern States Coliseum, West Springfield for just 3 nights and 4 matinees starting Thursday, May 15th. Tickets are now available at the Coliseum Box Office, open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.



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Patriot's Day In Concord, April 19, 1969

By RICHARD JOHN CURRY

6 South West Street, Feeding Hills

The morning of April 19th, 1969, dawned with a heavy overcast. A chill was in the air, but my family and I, along with a guest, were intent on making the annual journey to Concord where the townspeople were certain to pay tribute to that glorious 19th of April, 1775.

Although rain seemed imminent the parade assembled and took place before a throng of people whose spirits certainly must have been dampened, but not discouraged! A festive air filled the countryside of this normally tranquil Concord Town. Children pranced about carrying balloons and whirligigs, but more noticeable were the number of young children waving their small American flags.

A horrendous thunderstorm brought the parade to its conclusion whereupon a steady stream of automobiles commenced an orderly retreat from the main arteries leading into the surrounding towns of Bedford, Lexington, Lincoln and to all points of the compass. What could have been a state of mass confusion was aptly managed by the courteous and smiling members of the Concord Police Department.

Following the formal program one might have expected that all but the natives would have left the scene of activity, yet such was not the case! The heavy downpour led us to the security of the famous Wright's Tavern, now a quaint gift shop. Another visitor from Illinois was remarking about the spirit of Concord during the commemoration of this famous day in American History. One elderly lady, obviously a native of the town, simply replied: "Rain or snow, we haven't missed a parade in 94 years." It was just as simple as that!

Providence finally flavored us with a brief interlude of sunshine during which time we visited the Old North Bridge along with a number of other tourists. The graves of fallen British soldiers were decorated and a new Union Jack snapped briskly in the chill breeze of the Spring day. The Concord River had once again flooded the meadows leading up to the Buttrick farm now supervised by the National Park Service.

Off in the distance the thud of cannon broke the silence of the clear air perhaps echoing from the Lexington Green where still another patriotic program was to take place. Two men dressed in the uniform of the New York Continental 1st were resting on their flintlocks just across the bridge while visitors hastily took snapshots, extended their appreciation and departed. These two modern day minutemen had travelled from New York State to participate in the Concord parade.

By this time more people, indeed, bus loads, moved about the park. It was encouraging to witness so many young people present and contemplating the events of yesteryear. Once again the sky darkened and a second storm broke with all its fury! Still the crowds milled about the bridge and the Old Manse.

I believe the significance of this entire resume of the day can be appropriately realized in a small sign posted on the door of the General Store: "Today is a holiday. This store will be closed all day, April 19th. We will be opened on Monday."

VWWI CARD

PARTY WINNERS

The third game in the present series of Whist Parties sponsored by the Veterans of World War One was held last Wednesday evening in the Agawam National Guard Armory. Door prize winners were Howard Thayer, Florence Panaretas, Edna Landers and Frank DeSimone.

Mystery prizes were awarded to Ruby Gothier, Ruth Cusson and Ruby Gothier for the second time. Ladies ace prize winner was Adine Morley and Frank DeSimone for the men.

The following received high score prizes: Ladies—1st Amelia Riggott, 2nd Iona LaRae, 3rd Elizabeth McCarthy, 4th Edna Landers; Men—Walter Haggerty, 2nd Henry Cole, 3rd George Pierce, 4th Harold Landers.

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V.F.W. Post 1632 and Auxiliary Bulletin

By ANNA D. BISSENETTE

Last week's Independent listed all the nominated officers for 1969-70 and the list remains the same after the election held April 21, at the men's meeting. Cmdr. will be Adolph (Ed) Netkovick of Montcalm St., Fairview, Mass. Congratulations to all the new officers of the Auxiliary and Post . . . we know this will be a banner year.

Invitations have gone out to all the organizations interested in attending the "Installation of Officers" on May 24, Saturday, 7:30 p.m., at St. Anthony's Hall, Springfield St., Feeding Hills. This includes a smorgasbord and dance and is open to the public.

A testimonial banquet for the District Cmdr. Robert Archambault and District President Grace Kane was held at the Major John J. Leonard Post #70, 15 Bliss St., Springfield. Attending from Agawam #1632 were Cmdr. Netkovick; Betty Curran; P.C. and Mrs. Adelman; P.C. and Mrs. Dickinson; P.C. and Mrs. Tioni Tammi; P.C. and Mrs. Gimminani and Chaplain and Mrs. Wood.

The District Commander was presented an award by Cmdr. Netkovick from Post #1632 which read in part: VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, Founded 1899, Presented to PAST DISTRICT Cmdr. ROBERT ARCHAMBAULT from AGAWAM POST #1632, FOR MERITORIOUS AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN FURTHERING THE AIMS AND IDEALS OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, Given this 26th day of April, 1969. Agawam Auxiliary contributed toward the gift that was presented to the District President.

POPPIES

The April 24th "Poppy Meeting" was held with Chairmen Anna D. Bissonnette and Mahlon Inman; P.P. Venetta Snyder; Pres. elect Katherine Dickinson; Pres. Emily Dias, Anna Hayes, Muriel Adelman, and Ellie Appleman all helping to prepare containers for distribution about town.

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AROUND THE POST HOME

Happy Birthday to Sugar McLean whose birthday is May 2. We, of the Post and Auxiliary #1632 wish to thank her for all the "good" she has done by allowing us, and for us, by publishing all our activities. Also to her son Randy, and Beulah Hocker on the 7th; Ida Bondi on May 8, who we are sorry to say is still confined to Springfield Hospital; Jeffrey Goss, Sugar's grandson, who will be two on May 25th.

Thanks to Katy Dickinson who is baking the cupcakes for the next Beano at Holyoke Soldiers Home on May 7th—We still need help—See U there?

Congratulations to Charles R. Baker and Lorie Lee Hodge who will marry on May 4th at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, Agawam. Charles is the son of P.C. Russell Baker of Adams St.

Cmdr. Elect James Cleary of V.W.W.I Barracks #396 confined to the Mercy Hospital—Keep the cards rolling in. He would have been in nine consecutive years but was taken ill again the day before the installation.

On May 6th there will be a special meeting for installation plans called by Auxiliary Installation Charman Emily Dias at 8 p.m. at the Post Home. Everybody join in and help—REMEMBER this is your installation too.

There will be an open house on Memorial Day after the parade at the V.F.W.—A nice way to relax after the important services are done . . . See U there?

COMMANDER'S CORNER

"Rain, rain, go away and come back some other day" is what the fellows at the Post Home have been singing most of last week. With the clocks ahead an hour, giving us more daylight hours, Dick Adelman, Building Chairman, is asking for help around the pavilion. Time is getting short and even one hour of YOUR time will help.

At the monthly meeting of District 7 held at the General Knox Post #6645, we had the honor of having two of Post #1632 members elected to an office. P.C. Tet Gimminani was elected District 7 Sr. Vice-Commander and our present Cmdr. Netkovick to District 7 trustee. We

wish them success in their new offices.

P.C. Brady Snyder and Safety Officer Burnett are to be congratulated on the wonderful job they and their committee did with the "LITE-A-BIKE" program. Rain or shine, hundreds of kids were in line. More details and pictures here later.

We are still asking for STAMPS, S&H preferably but anykind, books or loose would be acceptable if we are to have a TV at the Post Home. Remember that we are a non-profitable organization and monies from the poppies goes to aid veterans and the National V.F.W. Home for Orphans. Other monies goes for scholarships, community service and hospital work. We need STAMPS for a TV. PLEASE? You need not be a member of either the Auxiliary or Post, just a generous soul.

May 1—County Council meeting in West Springfield—there will be election of officers. All delegates and alternates from #1632 take notice.

Round The Town



By Ann Nael
phone ST 8-8996

Ladies Aid of the Agawam Congregational Church is having their annual May Dinner on Thursday, May 8th. Dinner will be served at 5 and 6:15. Reservations will close Tuesday, May 6 and may be made with Mrs. George A. Blood or Mrs. George E. Andrews, both of Agawam.

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